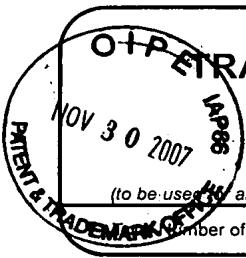


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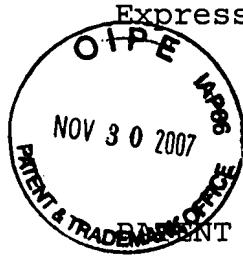
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Applicants note that the Thierfelder DE 28 22 603 A1 reference and the Kimya et al. FR 2,641,692 reference are in a language other than English and for which applicants have not obtained English language translations. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.98 (a) (3) (i), as it is presently understood by the individual designated in § 1.56(c) most knowledgeable about the content of the information in these references, both the Thierfelder DE 28 22 603 A1 reference and the Kimya et al. FR 2,641,692 reference show or describe various occlusion devices and systems for anatomicizing blood vessels.

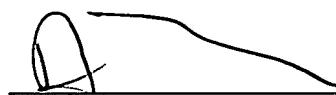
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